

**Korean War
Casualties**

One Killed; One Missing



JACOB "HEINE" ZIMMERMAN
... His Friends Numbered Many

Photo by J. W. Holmes

And Why Not?

**'Heine' Died Proud
He'd Been a Sweeper**

"Heine" Zimmerman, the Swiss street sweeper, is dead. His funeral today might be one of the biggest the city has seen.

In his home in Switzerland which the 61-year-old man left when he was six, he was known as Jacob Zimmerman. But here in Torrance he was simply known for 24 years as "Heine, the fellow who sweeps the streets."

"Heine" regarded his job with the city as a profession. He was proud to be a street sweeper. He would often remark to friends that he had always wanted to be a street sweeper and when he finally got to be one, he didn't want to be anything else.

LOTS OF SECRETS

Little "Heine" he was only five-feet, five-inches tall, could keep a secret. And he had lots of them to keep. Each morning about two o'clock the Swiss street sweeper would start his rounds — going about the city picking up behind people. What he saw while most of the city slept, he seldom told.

Tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Stone and Myers Chapel members of the American Legion will see that "Heine" gets a military funeral. He was a member of the local legion post since he came to Torrance in 1927.

Arranging for the funeral is Jim Parks, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, with Gordon Arnold and Hazel Bender, both legionnaires and fellow city workers of "Heine."

BODY BROUGHT HERE

His Legion buddies have brought his body here from Long Beach and are arranging a military funeral. He will join other veterans in the Sawtelle Cemetery following last rites to be conducted by Rev. R. C. Northrup.

Just before he died "Heine" willed all he owned to the local Legion Post. Just how much or

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**BLOND MOTHER OF 2 DROWNS
IN SURF AT TORRANCE BEACH**

**Local Flyer
Missing in
Air Action**

Listed in the columns of the Korean war casualties this week were two Torrance men, one reported killed in ground action, the other reported missing in air action.

Reported killed was Corporal Charles Raymond Brown, 32, son of Clarence Brown, 2035 M i d d l e - b r o o k r o a d , a city park department employee.

Reported missing was Sergeant Forrest M. Mutschler, 25, husband of Mrs. Helen Mutschler of 1535 W. 299th street.

Corporal Brown, a veteran of World War II, lived in a court at 1443 West Carson street before enlisting here. His wife, Leora, and three-year-old daughter, Peggy, are currently living in Abilene, Texas.

According to a government telegram, Cpl. Brown was killed on St. Valentine's Day, believed to be among several hundred GI's caught in a Red ambush.

Sgt. Mutschler, according to a letter received by his wife from one of his buddies in his outfit, the 452nd Bomb Wing, failed to return from a bombing mission on February 21. The letter said the local man was aboard a bomber heading for a target in Korea. The plane ran into foul weather and asked permission to pick another target. The pilot radioed at the time the plane was over the new target. It was the last heard from the plane, the letter said.

Sgt. Mutschler is a father of two children, Stanley, 1 year, and Mary Louise, 3 years. He was employed at the Rome Cable here for the four years preceding his return to active duty with the Air Force.



CPL. BROWN

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City May Annex Alondra Park

**Woman, 35
Wades Out
To Death**

Washed ashore on Torrance Beach early yesterday morning was the body of a 35-year-old mother of two, who had apparently walked into the pounding surf Tuesday evening.

Discovered about 7:30 a.m. yesterday on the strand south of the swanky Riviera Beach Club was the body of blond-haired Mrs. Eleanor Lopez, of 1810 Armour lane, Redondo. Pete Ferguson, a beach maintenance man, who lives in Redondo, found the body while making his early morning rounds of the beaches.

Torrance police responded to a call Tuesday night when Carl Passig, of 1820 Marshall Field lane, Redondo, reported Mrs. Lopez missing. Passig told police that he and Mrs. Lopez had been riding near the Riviera Club when she asked to be let out of the auto for a minute. That apparently was the last she was seen alive.

SEARCH FAILS

A search of the area by Police Officers Larry Denton and Hyman Fischer Tuesday night failed to turn up any trace of the dead woman other than footprints near the surf, which one of her daughters said was "mommie's size."

Both daughters, Janice, 13, and June, 14, were in near hysteria yesterday morning when told of their mother's death.

Passig, who is a Redondo cement contractor, told Police Detectives Ernie Ashton and Percy Bennett that he had known the dead woman only a short time. He said she had evidently been in dire circumstances, and that he had bought her a box of groceries and had some of her clothes cleaned so she could seek work.

Her benefactor said Mrs. Lopez appeared to be in good spirits Tuesday night, and that she had talked about going job hunting the next day.

He said he thought her estranged husband was serving with the armed forces "somewhere overseas."

The body of the dead woman was taken to Stone and Myers Mortuary here yesterday, where funeral arrangements are pending.

Pied Piper!

**County Gives
City Dump Clean
Bill of Health**

The amount of rats alleged to be running rampant at the city dump was described in an official survey of the area this week as practically negligible.

Tom Gibson, Los Angeles County Rodent Inspector, did a special inspection of the dump at Western avenue and Plaza del Amo during the night last Tuesday.

"The number of rats infesting the Torrance City Dump can be described as 'Nil,'" Gibson told

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A GRUESOME FIND . . . Detective Lieutenant Ernie Ashton checks body of Mrs. Eleanor Lopez, which washed up on Torrance Beach early yesterday, while his partner, Detective Percy Bennett (camera in hand), a Redondo police officer, and Pete Ferguson (extreme right) look on. Ferguson found the body in the surf south of the Riviera Beach Club.—Herald Photo.

**AmStan Plant Manager
Elected C of C President**

Henry W. Creeger, manager of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, Torrance plant, was unanimously selected as the new president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors Monday afternoon.

Also by unanimous action, O. A. Kresse, general superintendent

of the Columbia Steel Company, Torrance Works, was selected as a member of the board. Creeger succeeds W. T. "Hap" Tillotson, who resigned shortly after taking office in January. Tillotson, former manager of the American Rock Wool plant here, tendered his resignation February 15 when he accepted the position of vice-president of manufacturing and engineering of American Rock Wool with offices in Chicago.

The board accepted the recommendations of the nominating committee, composed of three past presidents of the chamber, Dean L. Sears, 1950; Charles V. Jones, 1949, and Charles T. Rippey, 1948.

The new chamber president recently completed his 40th year with the local pottery-making firm. He was educated at the Heidelberg University Business School, Tiffin, Ohio. He is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and is a member of the Aahems Temple in Oakland. He wears the past president's pin of Rotary International. He has three children and three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Creeger recently moved into a new home in Rolling Hills.

Kresse has long been associated with steel making and has the distinction of tapping the first open hearth heat of steel on the Pacific coast. He

came to Torrance with his wife and two daughters to become superintendent of the open hearth at Columbia—later being made the general plant superintendent of the Torrance Works. He is a member of the Torrance Rotary Club and at one time served as city treasurer of Pittsburg, California. He lives at 1443 El Prado.

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2) The county probably would probably continue to maintain the park the same as it does other county functions which are located within the boundaries of incorporated cities. (The Superior and Municipal Courts are an example of such an arrangement.)

3) Police and fire protection probably would increase only slightly since additional services for that area are imminent with the increased new-home development in North Torrance.

4) Are we grabbing the land just to keep Gardena from getting it, or do we really want the additional responsibility of the park and college?

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**Gardena Eyeing
Alondra Park,
Camino College**

Should Torrance grab first or should the city let the City of Gardena pluck the rich, uninhabited, multi-million dollar county area encompassing El Camino College and the Alondra Park lake and golf course?

This was the question being weighed by Torrance city officials this week as Gardena prepared to annex another strip of county land and thus jockey itself into position to grab the college and huge park just north of the Torrance city boundary.

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